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REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

The Office Action has rejected claims 12-17 and 21-22 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), as being anticipated by Asano et al. (US Pub. No. 2002/0190924 A1, hereinafter "Asano"). Further, the Office Action has rejected claims 23-24 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), as being unpatentable over Asano.

After carefully considering the remarks set forth in this Office Action and the cited reference, Applicants respectfully submit that the presently pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection are respectfully requested.

Discussion of Office Action Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(e)

The Office Action has rejected claims 12-17 and 21-22 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), as being anticipated by Asano et al. (US Pub. No. 2002/0190924 A1).

In response thereto, Applicant hereby otherwise disagrees and traverses the above rejections as follows. Further, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 12-17 and 21-22 patentably define over Asano, and thus should be allowed.

Applicant's arguments filed on September 1st, 2006 have discussed the patentability of independent claims 12 and 21. In the current Office Action, the Examiner alleged such arguments are not persuasive and discussed respectively. For the purpose of clarifying the reasons on which the patentability of the present invention as

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set forth in independent claims 12 and 21 relies, Applicant respectfully would like to further discuss the previously submitted reasons as follows:

In the Office Action, the Examiner considered that Asano's common power line 14 and common ground line 15 as being respectively equivalent to the first external power line and the second external power line in the present invention. However, Applicant considers that the common power line 14 and the common ground line 15 disclosed by Asano are not equivalent to the first external power line and the second external power line recited in claim 12 respectively, since the common power line 14 disclosed by Asano is connected to V_0 and the common ground line 15 disclosed by Asano is grounded.

Hence, in the previous response, Applicant argued that Asano taught in FIG.1 that the common power line 14 (as equivalent to the first external power line of the present invention) and the common ground line 15 (as equivalent to the second external power line of the present invention) are connected to different voltage level, whereas the present invention discloses that the first external power line and the second external power line are connected to the same power source.

In the current Office Action, the Examiner alleged that the feature of "the first external power line and the second external power line are electrically connected to the same power source" is not recited in the rejected claim(s).

However, the present invention discloses otherwise in both claims 12 and 21 as follows.

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Independent claim 12 recites the following:

Claim 12. An organic light-emitting display, comprising:

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a first external power line, dividing into a plurality of first internal power lines, wherein each first internal power line is electrically connected to at least two of the first pixels;

a second external power line, dividing into a plurality of second internal power lines, wherein each second internal power line is electrically connected to at least two of the second pixels, and the first internal power lines and the second internal power lines are separated; and

a power source electrically connected to the first and second external power line.

... (*Emphasis added*)

Independent claim 21 also recites the similar features. Specifically, claim 21 recites the following:

Claim 21. An organic light-emitting display, comprising:

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a first external power line, dividing into a plurality of first internal power lines, wherein each first internal power line is electrically connected to the first pixels in the same column or in the same row;

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a second external power line, dividing into a plurality of second internal power lines, wherein each second internal power line is electrically connected to the second pixels in the same column or in the same row, wherein the first internal power lines and the second internal power lines are separated; and

a power source electrically connected to the first and second external power line.

... (Emphasis added)

In other words, unlike Asano, the first external power line and the second external power line in the present invention are connected to a power source as disclosed by claims 12 and 21.

It should be emphasized again, Applicant also argued previously that Asano taught the common power line 14 and the common ground line 15 are connected to different power sources. More specifically, Asano taught that the common power line 14 is connected to V_0 and the common ground line 15 is grounded. Therefore, the limitation of "a power source electrically connected to the first and second external power line" recited in claims 12 and 21 are not disclosed by Asano.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully asserts that independent claims 12 and 21 patently define over Asano and should be allowed. Further, since claims 13-17 and 22 are dependent claims which further define the invention recited in

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claims 12 and 21, as a matter of law, these dependent claims are also in condition for allowance. *In re Fine*, 837, F.2d 1071 (Fed. Cir. 1988). Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectively requested.

Discussion of the claim rejection under 35 USC 103(a)

The Office Action has rejected claims 23-24 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), as being unpatentable over Asano et al. (US Pub. No. 2002/0190924 A1).

For at least the forgoing reasons listed in the discussion of the 35 U.S.C Section 102 rejections above, independent claims 12 and 21 are not anticipated by Asano. Applicant believes that the forgoing discussion places the dependent claims in condition for reconsideration. Since claims 23 and 24 are dependent claims which further define the invention cited in claims 12 and 21, they are allowable as a matter of law, because these dependent claims contain all features of their respective independent claims 12 and 21. *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071 (Fed. Cir. 1988).

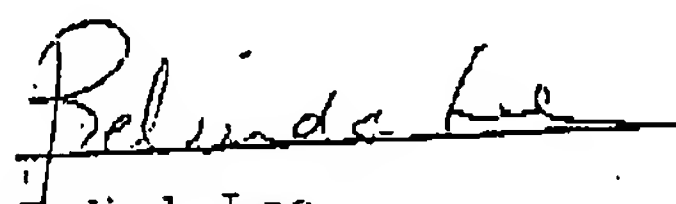
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CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that the pending claims are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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